



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case Number: F-2016-12410

Curtis Waltman
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Dear Mr. Waltman:

This is the initial agency decision on your September 28, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS) for records of complaints received from the Standing Rock Indian Reservation or any of its residents regarding the building of the Dakota Access Pipeline through their reservation land by the Energy Transfer Partners L.P. The DOS, Office of Information Programs and Services received your FOIA request on the same date, and assigned it the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

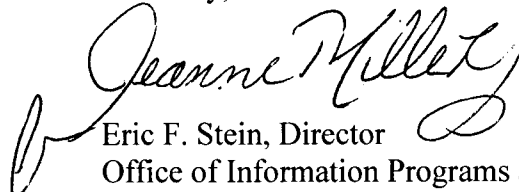
Please be advised the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and the Bureau of Energy Resources conducted searches and located no records responsive to your FOIA request.

For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, State Annex 2 (SA-2), 515 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100, or faxed to (202) 261-8571. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,



Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services